H. Res. 195

In the House of Representatives, U.S.,

June 2, 2003.

Whereas Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs hit a home run in the seventh inning on Friday, April 4, 2003, against the Cincinnati Reds at the Great American Ball Park;

Whereas his home run was the 500th of his career, making Sammy Sosa only the 18th player in major league history to reach the mark and the first Latino to accomplish this outstanding feat;

Whereas Sammy Sosa's achievement is one of the most impressive and difficult to accomplish in baseball history, placing him in the very select company of the greatest home run hitters of all time, including Hank Aaron, Babe Ruth, Mickey Mantle, Willie Mays, Mel Ott, and Ernie Banks;

Whereas from his first home run off Roger Clemens in 1989 to today, Sammy Sosa has awed us with his ability and athletic prowess on the field and his dignity and selflessness off the field;

Whereas Sammy Sosa has showed us how powerful the combination of discipline and desire can be;

Whereas throughout his record-breaking career Sammy Sosa has embodied the talent, exuberance, team-spirit, and de-

termination that Americans associate with the very best qualities of sports and athletic competition;

Whereas throughout the intense media scrutiny and public attention that has accompanied his historic career, Sammy Sosa has consistently conducted himself with modesty and humility that has been an inspiration to all Americans; and

Whereas as a native of the Dominican Republic, Sammy Sosa has proven to be an outstanding role model and source of pride for all residents of his native country, as well as all Latin Americans and all immigrants to the U.S. from across the globe: Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That the House of Representatives congratulates and commends Sammy Sosa of the Chicago Cubs for his amazing accomplishment and thanks him for tearing down barriers for Latinos around the world, for being a role model and an inspiration, and for letting us dream as big as our hearts will allow.

Attest:

Clerk.